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Accreditation to be Spotlighted at APHA's 141st Annual Meeting, Nov. 2–6, in Boston

Alexandria, VA, October 28, 2013 — From a day-long Learning Institute to an array of scientific sessions, accreditation will be much in the spotlight during the [American Public Health Association's](#) 141st Annual Meeting in Boston. Meeting-goers will be able to attend a range of sessions tied to accreditation and quality and performance improvement during the Nov. 2–6 event.

PHAB kicks off its accreditation program Sunday, Nov. 3 with a Learning Institute titled "How to Assess and Select Documentation for PHAB Accreditation" (LI 2015). The session will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center and will cover PHAB documentation requirements, organizing documentation, and basic principles for using documentation as evidence for accreditation. A case study will help learners assess mock documentation against PHAB Standards and Measures. The cost of this PHAB-subsidized Learning Institute is \$125. Participants are eligible to earn six continuing education credits. For more information, visit [APHA's Learning Institute website](#), or email PHAB Education Specialist [David Stone](#).

On **Tuesday, Nov. 5** at 8:50 a.m., PHAB will present a session titled "Territorial Health Departments — How Well do the PHAB Standards and Measures Apply?" (session 4040). Presenting at the session will be PHAB Board of Directors member Ray M. (Bud) Nicola, MD, MHSA, Acting Professor at the University of Washington's School of Public Health. The session will address the process used to engage the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States in the PHAB accreditation program.

Also on **Tuesday, Nov. 5**, at 10:30 a.m., PHAB President and CEO Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN, will moderate session 4088, "Institutionalizing and Promoting PHAB Accreditation through Public Health Programs." The 90-minute session will address how PHAB accreditation is linked to CDC programs. Presenters will highlight CDC's efforts to integrate accreditation activities across public health, such as including accreditation support in cooperative agreements and identifying links to evidence-based policies and practices. Presenters will include Liza Corso, MPA, Senior Advisor for Public Health Practice and Accreditation in the Division of Public Health Performance Improvement at CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support; CDC's Shawna Mercer, PhD, MSc, Director, The Guide to Community Preventive Services and Chief, The Community Guide Branch; and CDC's Andrea Young, PhD, Chief, Applied Systems Research and Evaluation Branch, in the Division of Public Health Performance Improvement.

Also on **Tuesday, Nov. 5**, PHAB will offer session 4193, "Public Health Department Accreditation: The Road to Excellence in Public Health." The 12:30 to 2 p.m. session will address the current status of the public health accreditation program, the relationship

between accreditation and quality improvement, and the linkages with selected CDC public health programs and initiatives. PHAB's Kaye Bender will moderate the session. Presenters will include PHAB Board of Directors Chair Carol Moehrle, District Director of the North Central District Public Health Department in Lewiston, Idaho; PHAB Board of Directors Vice Chair Les Beitsch, MD, JD, Chair of the Department of Medical Humanities and Social Science and Health Affairs at Florida State University College of Medicine; and CDC's Liza Corso.

A few other sessions tied to accreditation at APHA's upcoming Annual Meeting include:

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Session 3118 — Quality Improvement and PHAB Documentation: State Health Agency Case Studies, 10:30 a.m. to noon

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Session 4087 – Sharing Data to Move into Action within a Community Health Improvement Planning Framework, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Session 4287 – Community Health (Needs) Assessment and Community Health Improvement Planning Efforts Across the United States: Early Findings on Geographic Coverage, Partnerships, and the Use of Healthy People 2020, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Session 4286 – Improving the Business of Public Health: An Operational Dashboard Model, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

In addition to the Learning Institute and scientific sessions, PHAB will again sponsor a booth during the meeting's Public Health Expo. Conference attendees are encouraged to stop by Booth 739 for information and PHAB-related materials.

For more information about PHAB, visit www.phaboard.org or contact PHAB Communications Manager Teddi Nicolaus at 703-778-4549, x118 or via email at tnicolaus@phaboard.org. For information about APHA's 141st Annual Meeting in Boston, visit www.apha.org/meetings/annualmeeting.

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About the Public Health Accreditation Board

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